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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL WELCOMES THE OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE

~ Motor Carrier Compliance officers become "troopers" July 1 ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced that the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance will officially transition from the Florida Department of Transportation to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Division of the Florida Highway Patrol on July 1, 2011. Motor Carrier Compliance officers perform safety inspections on commercial motor vehicles and perform traffic enforcement in an effort to reduce the number of commercial vehicle-related crashes.

The consolidation is a result of Senate Bill 2160, passed by lawmakers during the 2011 Legislative Session, and places the commercial vehicle licensing, registrations, fuel permits, and enforcement all under the purview of DHSMV.

"The Florida Highway Patrol and Office of Motor Carrier Compliance share a common purpose to safeguard Florida's roadways through enforcement, and I am confident that joining the two will create a synergy that will increase our effectiveness," said Brierton. "A team comprised of representatives from both agencies has been hard at work to develop a smooth transition that ensures public safety is our top priority."

The Office of Motor Carrier Compliance will transition to FHP as a bureau and will report to Lt. Col. Scotty Sanderson. Sanderson currently holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in his position as interim director of the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance.

"This is a bold move on the part of our leadership to help fill those identified deficits in our Florida budget by streamlining operations and reducing duplicative management efforts, which will certainly improve efficiencies within our agencies," said Sanderson.

What changes should motorists expect to see as result of the change?

PERSONNEL

Motor Carrier Compliance officers will be "troopers". Motor Carrier Compliance troopers' uniforms will include the FHP patch beginning July 1. MCC troopers also will wear a Florida Highway Patrol badge. They will continue to perform commercial vehicle safety inspections and to weigh commercial vehicles with portable scales at various locations around the state, in addition to FDOT weigh stations on Florida's highways.

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VEHICLES

Motor Carrier Compliance vehicles will replace the FDOT seal with the FHP seal on door panels. The vehicles will bear the FHP license plates, too. Through attrition, motorists will eventually see more FHP black and tan vehicles patrolling our roadways.

CONTACT

Motorists with questions related to commercial vehicle enforcement can call (850) 245-7900. That number is printed on all commercial vehicle inspection reports and citations. Also, the Florida Highway Patrol's website at www.flhsmv.gov/fhp will feature information on the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov, follow us on Twitter @[FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV), or find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMV).

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